

CITY OF DANA POINT
GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

April 22nd, 2025
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dana Point Community Center
34052 Del Obispo
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Federico called the Regular Meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

General Plan Advisory Committee Members Present: Chair Jamey Federico, Vice-Chair Eric Nelson, Committee Member Jennifer Rosales, Committee Member David Buskirk, Committee Member Laura Smith-Hatch, Committee Member Dianna Mitchell, Committee Member Catrina Crawford, Committee Member Steven Carpenter, Committee Member Jim Cobb, Committee Member Larry White, Committee Member Zach Mikelson.

General Plan Advisory Committee Members Absent: Mayor Matt Pagano, Committee Member Sarah Baqai, Committee Member Jason Spates, Committee Member Naomi Hawkes (Alternate), Committee Member Theresa Morrison, Committee Member John Hatch (Alternate).

Staff Present: Brenda Wisneski (Director of Community Development), Chris Johnson (Principal Planner, Community Development), Ann Ashab (Community Development) Colin Drukker (Place Works Consultant), Steve Brown (Fehr and Peers Consultant).

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: MINUTES OF GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM OCTOBER 16, 2025

ACTION: Motion made by Steven Carpenter, seconded by all GPAC members present, to approve the Minutes of the General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting of October 16, 2025. Motion carried 11-0-0.

AYES: Federico, Rosales, Buskirk, Smith-Hatch, Mitchell, Crawford, Carpenter, Cobb, White, Mikelson.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Spates

ABSTAIN: Nelson

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B. OLD BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

Colin Drukker (Consultant, PlaceWorks) and Steve Brown (Traffic Consultant, Fehr and Peers) provided a presentation on the status of Economic Development and Circulation Elements. An overview presentation of draft goals, policies, and implementation actions was provided.

ITEM 2: General Plan Land Use and Transportation Goals

A. Economic Development Update

1. The GPAC discussed Policy 1.2 of the Economic Development Goal (ED-1) to be modified to note the city's desire to support the retention of existing businesses.
2. The GPAC also discussed a modification to Economic Goal (ED-2) to incorporate that "maritime" be included in addition to surfing when describing the city's culture.

B. Circulation Element Update

1. The GPAC discussed revising the Circulation and Mobility Element Goal (CM-2) Policy 2.4 to modify language and have focus exclusively on non-residential uses.
2. The GPAC discussed parking limitations and challenges in Town Center. GPAC suggested developing implementation actions that would support facilitate new business at this location.

ACTION:

1. Revise Economic Development Policy 1.2 to incorporate retention of small businesses.
2. Revise goal ED 2 to incorporate maritime heritage to support description of city culture.
3. Develop an implementation action to monitor and evaluate parking in Town Center.

C. Summary of the next steps

1. Goals, Policies, and Implementing Actions for Planning Commission Approval on June 23rd, 2025.
2. Goals, Policies, and Implementing Actions for City Council Approval on July 15th, 2025.

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Tonight's meeting concludes the General Plan Advisory Committee's meeting obligations for this phase of the City's General Plan Update. Please refer to link provided below to access previous GPAC meetings and materials.
<https://www.plandanapoint.com/events>.

Chair Federico adjourned the meeting at **8:00 pm** and thanked the GPAC members for their involvement and contribution to the City's General Plan update.

Jamey Federico
Chair, General Plan Advisory Committee